

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

1. Claims 1-8, 17, and 18 are pending. Claims 9-16 have been cancelled.
2. Based upon the Response filed December 20, 2007, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph is withdrawn.
3. The Information Disclosure Statement filed December 6, 2007 has been considered. The references alone or in combination forms do not teach nor suggest structurally similar compounds as those instantly claimed. There is no motivation to modify the prior art references to derive the compounds as claimed. Accordingly, claims 1-8, 17, and 18 are allowed.
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zinna N. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0682.
6. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

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